



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 33

May 5, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, C. TAYLOR, BERCEAU, ALLEN, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, DANOU, EDMING, GANNON, GOYKE, HEATON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KAHL, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KREMER, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, T. LARSON, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, PETRYK, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, RISSER, GUDEx, HANSEN, HARRIS DODD, HARS DORF, C. LARSON, MILLER, NASS, OLSEN, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT, VUKMIR, WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** congratulating the University of Wisconsin–Madison men’s basketball  
2             team on its 2014–15 basketball season, reaching the NCAA Final Four, and  
3             making it to the NCAA Championship Game.

4             Whereas, the University of Wisconsin Badgers set a school record of 36 wins  
5             against only 4 losses during the 2014–15 basketball season, winning the regular  
6             season Big Ten title and also winning the Big Ten Tournament title over Michigan  
7             State 80–69 in overtime and earned its 17th consecutive trip to the NCAA men’s  
8             basketball tournament; and

9             Whereas, the Badgers earned a number one seed in the 2015 NCAA basketball  
10            tournament and defeated Costal Carolina, Oregon, North Carolina, and Arizona and  
11            won the west region on their way to their second consecutive Final Four where they  
12            beat previously undefeated Kentucky, which gave the team its first National  
13            Championship game appearance since 1941; and

1           Whereas, Sam Dekker was named the Most Outstanding Player in the West  
2     Regional and joined Frank Kaminsky and Josh Gasser on the Regional  
3     All-Tournament team; and

4           Whereas, Frank Kaminsky was named the National Association of Basketball  
5     Coaches National Player of the Year, Associated Press College Basketball Player of  
6     the Year, the United States Basketball Writers Association College Player of the Year  
7     (Oscar Robertson Trophy), Naismith College Player of the Year, accepted the Kareem  
8     Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year trophy, was the winner of the John R. Wooden  
9     Award in addition to earning consensus All-America and Big Ten Player of the Year  
10    honors, and was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Big Ten Tournament; Bo  
11    Ryan was named Big Ten Coach of the Year by his peers; Sam Dekker was named to  
12    the All-Big Ten second team; Nigel Hayes was named third team All-Big Ten and  
13    a member of the All-Big Ten Tournament Team; and Josh Gasser was named to the  
14    Big Ten All-Defensive Team; and

15          Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Badger men’s basketball team  
16    exemplifies the Vince Lombardi quote that “Individual commitment to a group  
17    effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a  
18    civilization work,” and recognition must be given to every member of the team and  
19    coaching staff; now, therefore, be it

20          ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
21    legislature hereby commends and congratulates Jordan Smith, Zak Showalter, Matt  
22    Ferris, Aaron Moesch, Nigel Hayes, Jordan Hill, Traevon Jackson, Duje Dukan, Sam  
23    Dekker, T.J. Schlundt, Josh Gasser, Ethan Happ, Bronson Koenig, Vitto Brown,  
24    Riley Dearing, and Frank Kaminsky and coaches Bo Ryan, Greg Gard, Gary Close,

1       and Lamont Paris on reaching the 2015 NCAA Championship game; and, be it  
2       further

3                   ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint  
4                   resolution to Head Coach Bo Ryan, his staff, each member of the team, and Athletic  
5                   Director Barry Alvarez.

6 (END)